

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
Date of Meeting: September 13, 2004
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Commissioners Present: Gray, Krommenhock, Ku, Leonard, Munzel, Serena and Tuason

Commissioners Absent: Gill and McGuire

City Staff Present: Blair King, Assistant City Manager; Toby Librande, Child Care Coordinator; Kerrilyn Ely, Recreation Services Supervisor; Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager; Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Polanski

IV. Alternates Alternates Gray and Serena were seated.

V. Agenda MOTION to approve the agenda for September 13, 2004, as submitted.
M/S: Krommenhock/Tuason
Ayes: (7) Gray, Krommenhock, Ku, Leonard, Munzel, Serena and Tuason
Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

VI. Minutes MOTION to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2004, meeting with the following changes.
City Council Member Polanski was not present.
Chairperson Munzel is referred to as "Chairperson" as well as "Commissioner" throughout the minutes. Consistency should be kept throughout the minutes.
M/S: Krommenhock/Tuason
Ayes: All Ayes
Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

VII. Citizen's Forum None.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

Bonnie Greiner announced that Walk to School Day will be held October 6, 2004 and volunteers are needed.

Chairperson Munzel passed around an article "Park Visits Rewarding for Dad, Son" on behalf on Commissioner McGuire. Chairperson Munzel also passed around various pictures of "Art in your Park" from Wasington State.

Commissioner Krommenhock announced that a meeting will be held for the "Art in Your Park" for Starlite Park. Examples of art pieces should be sent in, and three finalists will be chosen.

IX. Old Business

1. Review of the preliminary Concept Plan for the Affordable Housing Project (Blair King, Assistant City Manager)

Blair King, Assistant City Manager reported that the City of Milpitas has chosen Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition to plan and operate the Affordable Senior Housing that will be built on N. Main St. Mr. King introduced Mara Blitzer, who is the project manager.

Ms. Blitzer reported that Mid-Peninsula Housing has worked with historic preservation before. They are looking to include historic elements of the existing DeVries building into a new building.

The new site will have approximately 100 affordable units for those people who have a yearly salary of up to the mid \$20,000's and live independently. Rent for the units will be \$460-\$800 per month. The site will include 70 parking spaces, exercise rooms, a common area with a kitchen and 3 apartments on the second floor of the DeVries House. There will not be any elevators installed in the DeVries House. Chairperson Munzel asked Ms. Blitzer if that was ADA compliant. She explained that yes it was. Chairperson Munzel asked if there could be other uses of the second floor other than apartments. She said no, because any other uses would not be ADA compliant. Chairperson Munzel's concern is that if a senior is living there and should become disabled, they would be displaced. Ms. Blitzer said they could look into the possibility of making it manager's units.

Mr. King explained that Mid-Peninsula will operate the building without any assistance from the City. Chairperson Munzel asked Mr. King if the City of Milpitas is giving the property to a private business. Mr. King explained that Mid-Peninsula Housing is a non-profit agency and the City of Milpitas may look into doing a long-term lease. Chairperson Munzel is concerned that the residents paid 1.5 million dollars for this property and the public is not allowed in because of its current condition. Mr. King explained that the public may give input to the City Council for the project.

Ms. Blitzer explained that the DeVries house will be moved to another location on the property to maximize the use of the site. The main building will be built so it looks like it belongs next to the house. The City Council wants the DeVries House to face the street and be set away from the apartments. The house will be apart but not connected to the main building. Mr. King said that there will be a path connecting the two with fruit-like trees growing along it.

Mr. Ku expressed concern to Ms. Blitzer that there would only be 70 parking spaces for a 100 unit complex. Ms. Blitzer explained that extensive research has been done on this matter and 70 spaces are actually quite generous, and more than what Terrace Gardens has. The occupants of the apartments will be a population that won't have many cars. Public transportation is available across the street on Weller and Main. Council Member Polanski added that the Senior Center also has a shuttle service that may be used as well as Outreach.

Mr. King said that the expected timeline is as follows:
The City of Milpitas will have a proposal in November 2004.
There will be a public hearing in January 2005.
The project is expected to begin the 2nd quarter of 2007.

X. New Business

1. Youth Sports Grant Assistance – Milpitas National Little League South (Kerrilyn Ely, Recreation Services Supervisor)

On June 1, 2004, the Milpitas City Council approved and appropriated \$8,000.00 for the Youth Sports Assistance Fund for the 2004-2005-budget year. Included in the Commission's packet for review and consideration is one (1) Individual Youth Sports Assistance request and three (3) Organizational Assistance requests.

One Individual Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from Martin McKeefery, requesting \$500 to offset the cost of competing in the Legends Cars National in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 7-9, 2004.

This application falls within the guidelines, under section, "Funding consideration will be given", page 3, item #4 states; "As an event occurring where additional funding is required for a special event where participants are advancing beyond the normal spectrum of league play, hence additional expenses."

Martin McKeefery was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Commission.

Chairperson Munzel commented that this is the first time there has been a Youth Sports Assistance request for car racing. Commissioner Tuason asked if the City of Milpitas will be recognized if the grant requested to him is awarded. Mr. McKeefery responded that yes, he will have a patch on his uniform.

MOTION to recommend to City Council funding Martin McKeefery \$500 to offset the cost of competing in the Legends Cars National.

M/S Tuason/Gray

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

One (1) Organizational Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from Milpitas Youth Soccer Club, requesting \$1,000 to offset the cost of purchasing one set of soccer goals for their U10 division.

This applicant meets the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the items requested and has found that the requested items meet the application guidelines, under the section, "Funding consideration will be given", page 2, and item #3 states; "To one time activities or capital equipment purchases designed to address a need or problem which organization cannot routinely finance" and under section, "Funding consideration will be given", page 3, item #4 states; "As an event occurring where additional funding is required for a special event where participants are advancing beyond the normal spectrum of league play, hence additional expenses."

Nirangan Gupta was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Tuason questioned Mr. Gupta of the safety of the goals. Mr. Gupta responded that each of the goals are securely anchored and checked before each game. Commissioner Gray asked where the soccer goals are stored. Mr. Gupta responded that they are double chained to the fence at the location.

MOTION to recommend to City Council funding Milpitas Youth Soccer Club \$1,000 to offset the cost of purchasing one set of soccer goals for their U10 division.

M/S Krommenhock/Leonard

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

One (1) Organizational Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from Milpitas North Little League, requesting \$1,000 to offset the cost of purchasing scoreboards for Dixon Landing Park baseball fields.

This applicant meets the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the items requested and has found that the requested items meet the application guidelines, under the section, "Funding consideration will be given", page 2, and item #3 states; "To one time activities or capital equipment purchases designed to address a need or problem which organization cannot routinely finance" and under section, "Funding consideration will be given", page 3, item #4 states; "As an event occurring where additional funding is required for a special event where participants are advancing beyond the normal spectrum of league play, hence additional expenses."

Mike Greer was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Gray asked if there was currently a scoreboard at the field. Mr. Greer responded that this request is for a larger scoreboard for the Senior Field. The new scoreboard will cost approximately \$3,000. Thus far, the league has raised \$650 towards its purchase and plan on doing various fundraisers to raise the remaining amount needed.

MOTION to recommend to City Council funding Milpitas North Little league \$1,000 to offset the cost of purchasing scoreboards for Dixon Landing Park baseball fields.

M/S Krommenhock/Gray

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

One (1) Organizational Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from Milpitas Red Devils Youth Baseball, requesting \$1,000. Applicant is requesting \$500 to offset the cost of purchasing one pitching machine and \$500 to offset team member's cost of competing in the Desert Classic on October 29th-31st in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This applicant meets the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the items requested and has found that the requested items meet the application guidelines, under the section, "Funding consideration will be given", page 2, and item #3 states; "To one time activities or capital equipment purchases designed to address a need or problem which organization cannot routinely finance" and under section, "Funding consideration will be given", page 3, item #4 states; "As an event occurring where additional funding is required for a special event where participants are advancing beyond the normal spectrum of league play, hence additional expenses."

Lyle Rugeldinger was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Gray asked where the practices are held. Mr. Rugeldinger responded that they use whichever fields are available between the North and the South Complexes. Mr. Greer commented that this league is great because it gives kids the opportunity to practice baseball year round. Commissioner Tuason questioned the insurance held by the league. Mr. Rugeldinger responded that each team is insured as well as the City of Milpitas listed as an additional insured.

MOTION to recommend to City Council funding the Red Devils \$1,000, of which \$500 will be used to offset the cost of purchasing one pitching machine and \$500 to offset team members cost of competing in the Desert Classic on October 29th-31st in Las Vegas, Nevada.

M/S: Krommenhock/Tuason

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

2. Family Child Care Assistance Fund (Toby Librande, Child Care Coordinator)

Ms. Librande presented two child care providers that have requested funding.

Laura Cooper has requested \$500. She currently cares for children with special needs or developmental delays, thus qualifying her for first priority funding.

MOTION to fund Laura Cooper at the full \$500 grant level.

M/S: Tuason/Krommenhock

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

Francisca Diaz has recently become eligible for funding, thus this will be the first time receiving funds.

MOTION to fund Francisca Diaz at the full \$500 grant level.

M/S: Gray/Serena

3. Letter from LSA Associates INC. (James Lindsay, Acting Planning Manager)

A letter from LSA Associates was received on August 11, 2004. The letter is in reference to North Main Street Development Projects, requesting if the PRCRC has any information or concerns about historical resources in the study area. The study area includes Carlo St., North Able St., Weller Ln., and the Union Pacific rail line.

Mr. Lindsay said that the Commission received this letter because of its role as a Commission and that the Commission will also see the draft EIR when it is completed.

Note receipt and file.

4. City of Milpitas Ethics Code Training (Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager)

Ms. Greiner reported that the Milpitas City Council has requested that all City Commissioners attend on of the two scheduled training sessions on the new

Ethics Code, which are being held October 7 and October 20, 2004, from 7:00-9:00 PM.

Commissioners Tuason and Serena will attend the training on October 7, 2004. Commissioners Ku and Krommenhock will attend the training on October 20, 2004.

5. Schedule June 2005 tour and the possible cancellation of July 2005 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission Meeting (Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager)

To provide accurate dates and information for the 2005 City Calendar, the Commission should determine which Saturday they would like to schedule their annual park tour and whether the Commission will hold their July 11, 2005 meeting.

The Commission tentatively set June 11, 2005, as the meeting date for the Park Tour, and will confirm that date at the October 4, 2004 meeting.

MOTION to cancel the July 11, 2005 meeting.

M/S

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Gill and McGuire

XII. Staff Reports

Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager, reported the following:

- Rainbow Theatre will be performing “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” Sept 17th – Sept 25th
- The Harvest Festival will be held on Oct. 16th at Cardoza Park from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- The Phantom Art Gallery will be showcasing “Colorful Expression” by Aundrea Ali. The exhibit will open on Monday Sept. 27th at 7:00 PM and will be on display through Nov. 12, 2004.

XIII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Polanski reported the following:

- “Thank you” to the commissioners who volunteered at the Arts and Wine Festival.
- The Redevelopment Agency is buying 8 properties for \$29,000,000, which will now allow them to access the RDA money since there is a debt.
- An MOU is being created for the medical center with the county. The medical center will serve lower income people. Part of the MOU is to build a parking garage. It will include about 275 stalls, which the county will pay for and maintain.
- There will be a “Gateway Sign” pilot project at Landess and Piedmont.
- The open government ordinance went into effect on September 3, 2004.

2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)

An ethics pamphlet will be sent out with the City Newsletter in October.

3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)

None.

4. Planning Commission

Commissioner Tuason reported that the schedule of the Planning Commission meetings has changed. They will now meet on Thursday's instead of Wednesday's.

5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)

The Commission elected their new officers and set goals for the new school year which include volunteering, getting involved at the Teen Center and planning innovative events.

6. Milpitas Historical Society

The last meeting of the Milpitas Historical Society was well attended. Bob Burrell has a book coming out in December.

7. Arts Commission

Commissioner Krommenhock reported that the Commission is working on art in public places. They are researching having 1% of large projects going to the Arts. The Alliance for the Arts will be hosting a "Mystery Dinner" on October 1, 2004. The brochure can be downloaded from their website www.milpitasarts.org.

8. Alviso Adobe Sub-committee (Commissioner Gill, McGuire, Munzel)

None.

XIV. Future Agenda Items

None.

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM to the next scheduled meeting on October 4, 2004, at the Milpitas City Hall Committee Room.